

RICE'S PRESENTS



The Adventures of **PETER WHEAT**



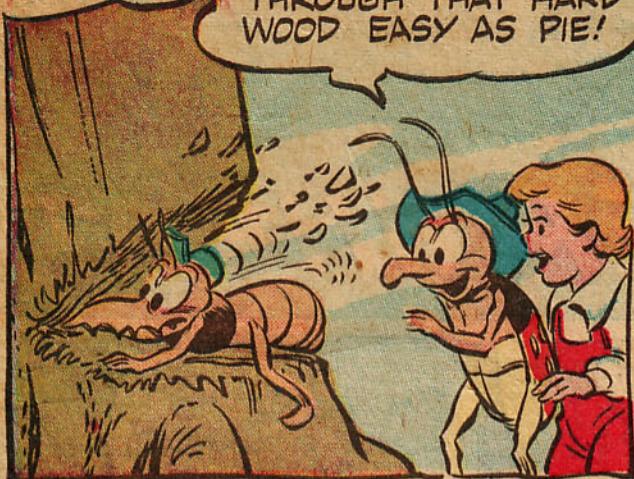
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SHORTLY

WOW! HE CUTS
THROUGH THAT HARD
WOOD EASY AS PIE!

TIMBER-R-R!

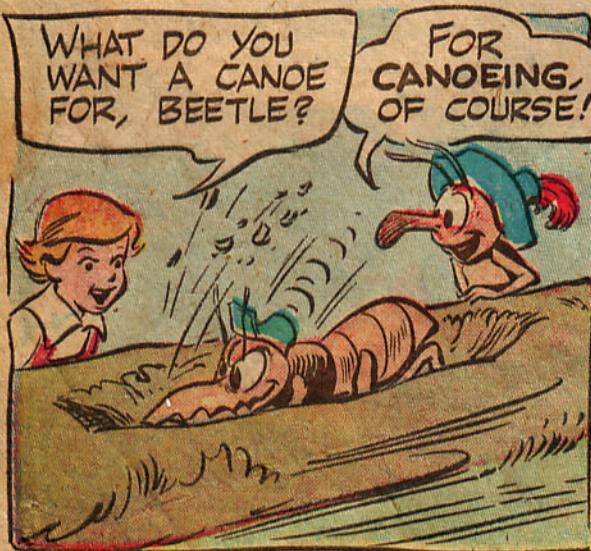


WHAT DO YOU
WANT A CANOE
FOR, BEETLE?

FOR
CANOEING,
OF COURSE!

I HATE
TO SEE THAT
LAKE GO TO
WASTE!

PETER!
(GASP!)
PETER...

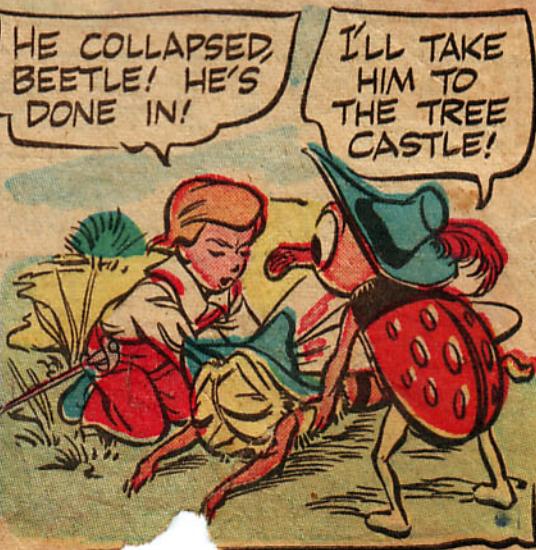
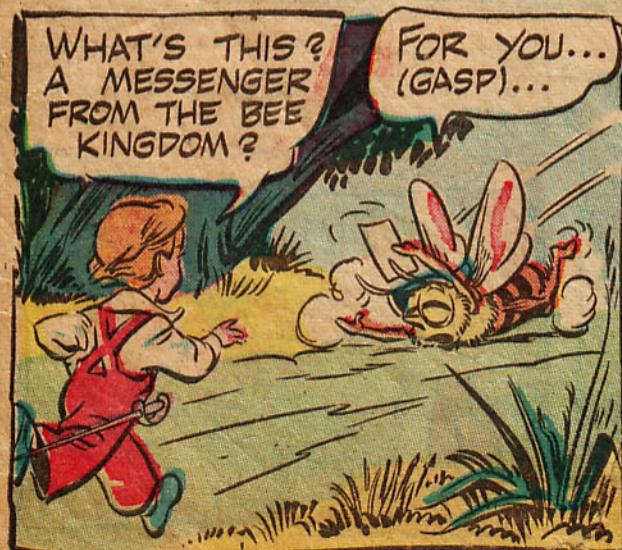


WHAT'S THIS?
A MESSENGER
FROM THE BEE
KINGDOM?

FOR YOU...
(GASP)...

HE COLLAPSED,
BEETLE! HE'S
DONE IN!

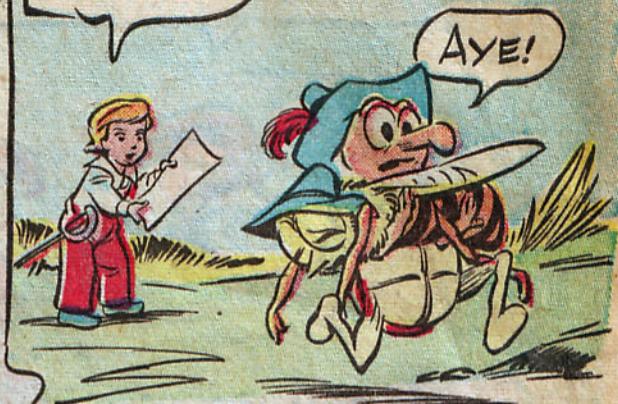
I'LL TAKE
HIM TO
THE TREE
CASTLE!



UH-OH! SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE, BEETLE!



HURRY BACK! WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE FOR THE BEE KINGDOM AT ONCE!



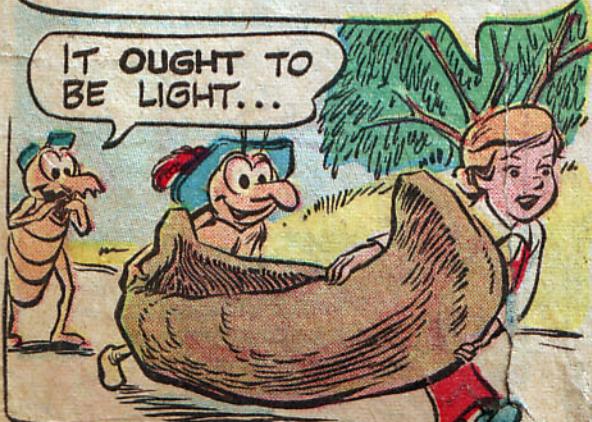
QUICK, TERENCE... FINISH THE CANOE! BEETLE AND I WILL NEED IT TO CROSS THE LAKE!



THE BEE MESSENGER WILL BE ALL RIGHT AFTER A LITTLE REST, PETER!



THANKS, TERENCE, YOU DID A GOOD JOB! THIS CANOE IS LIGHT AS A FEATHER NOW!

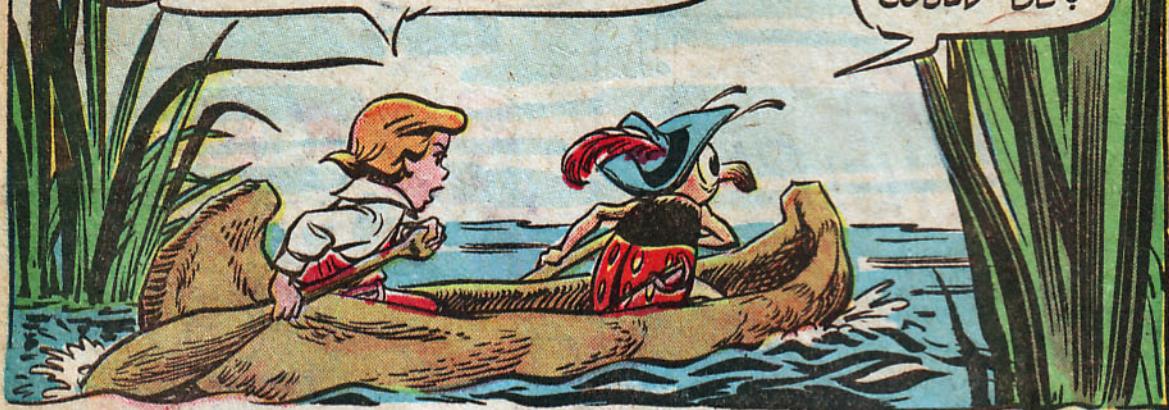


IT FEELS LIKE I'VE GOT ALL THE WOOD STUCK IN MY TEETH! WHAT I NEED NOW IS A TOOTHPICK!



ROW FAST, BEETLE! THAT MESSAGE FROM QUEEN BEATRICE CERTAINLY HAD A FEELING OF URGENCY!

I WONDER WHAT THE TROUBLE COULD BE?



I'M AFRAID WE'LL NEVER FIND OUT AT THIS RATE! WE'RE NOT MAKING ENOUGH SPEED!

BUT I CAN'T PADDLE ANY FASTER, PETER! I'M GOING LIKE A WINDMILL NOW!



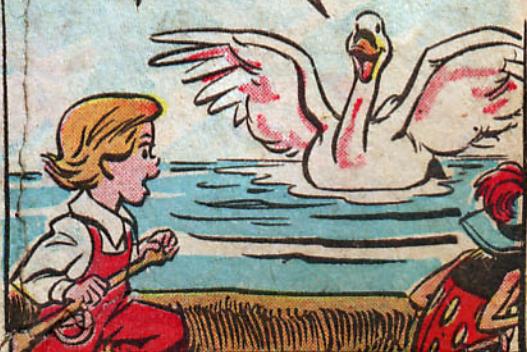
BUT WE STILL NEED MORE SPEED!

LOOK, PETER! IT'S SWAN!



WE'RE IN LUCK!

WHAT'S THE RUSH, PETER?



WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO THE
BEE KINGDOM... THEY'RE IN
DISTRESS! CAN YOU PULL
US, SWAN?

JUST A SECOND! I'LL DIVE
DOWN FOR SOME UNDERWATER
VINES TO USE AS A TOW
ROPE!

AYE! THAT
I CAN!

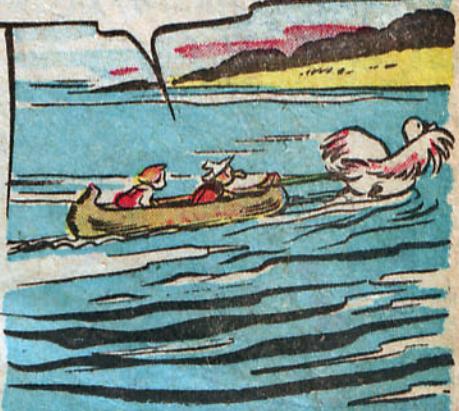
GOOD!



THIS IS MORE LIKE IT,
EH, BEETLE?

I'LL SAY...

AT THIS RATE WE'LL BE
ACROSS THE LAKE BEFORE
WE KNOW IT!



SHORTLY / THANKS, SWAN! THAT
WAS A BIG HELP!

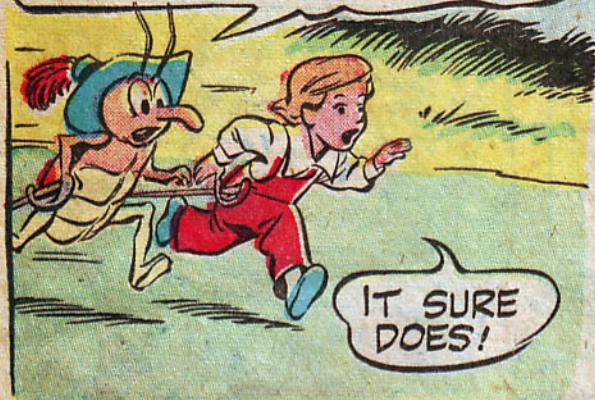
COME ON,
BEETLE!

IF YOU SHOULD NEED
ME AGAIN, BOYS...
JUST GIVE A YELL!



THERE'S THE BEE KINGDOM,
BUT... EVERYTHING SEEMS
TO BE PEACEFUL ENOUGH!

SAY, YOU DON'T SUPPOSE
THIS WAS ALL A FALSE
ALARM, DO YOU?



SCORPION WARRIORS!
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THEM
BEFORE! WHERE IS THEIR
KINGDOM?

THEY JUST SEEM TO VANISH
FROM SIGHT! OUR SCOUTS
TRIED TO FOLLOW THEM...
BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS!

NO ONE
KNOWS...

HMM!



BUT DO BE CAREFUL! THOSE
SCORPION WARRIORS ARE
VICIOUS! AND WATCH OUT FOR
THEIR RAZOR-SHARP CLAWS!

THROUGH THE
FOREST...

WE'LL BE
ON GUARD
AT ALL TIMES!

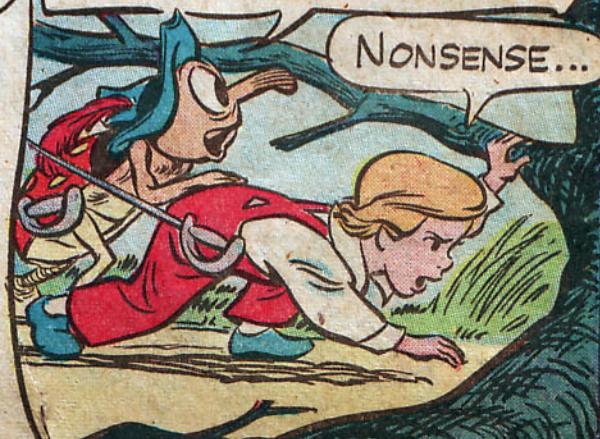


KEEP A CLOSE LOOK OUT,
BEETLE! PERHAPS WE CAN
PICK UP THEIR TRACKS!

IF IT'S ALL
THE SAME
WITH YOU...

I'D JUST AS SOON PICK UP
AND GET OUT OF HERE!

NONSENSE...



WE CAN'T LET THOSE SCORPIONS GET AWAY WITH AN ILL DEED, OR THEY MAY MAKE A HABIT OF IT!

BESIDES, THE BEE FOLK WORKED HARD ALL YEAR TO STORE UP THAT HONEY SUPPLY! WE'VE GOT TO RETURN IT TO THEM, IF WE CAN!

NEVERTHELESS...

I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF TANGLING WITH THOSE RAZOR-SHARP CLAWS!

BEHOLD, BEETLE!

DROPS OF HONEY! ONE OF THE BARRELS MUST BE LEAKING!

THIS SHOULD LEAD US STRAIGHT TO THEIR KINGDOM!

I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SAY THAT!

HALT! WHO GOES THERE... FRIEND OR FOE?

EH?? OH, FOE... ER... I MEAN, FRIEND!

GIVE THE SCORPION
PASSWORD OR I'LL
RUN YOU THROUGH!

I'LL TEST THE STRENGTH
OF THIS WARRIOR!

STAND BACK,
BEETLE ...

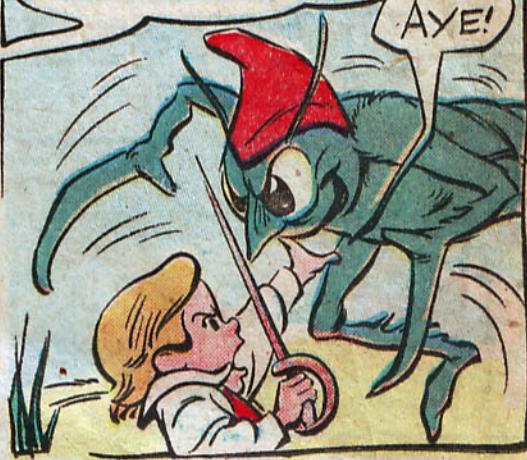
SO!
YOU ARE
A FOE!



WE'LL SOON KNOW IF IT'S
WISE TO PROCEED ON TO
THEIR KINGDOM!

WATCH OUT FOR HIS
CLAWS, PETER!

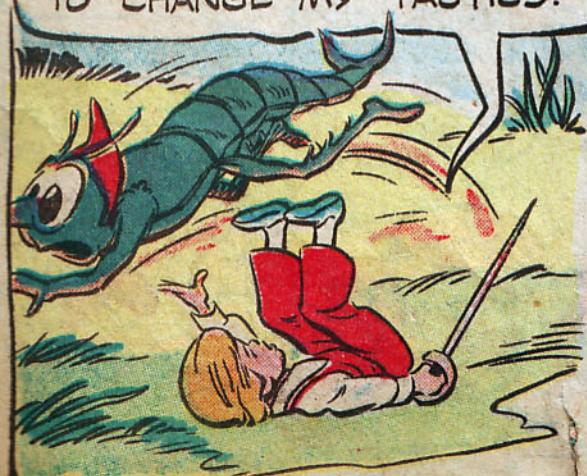
AYE!



I SEE I'M GOING TO HAVE
TO CHANGE MY TACTICS!

HIS CLAWS CAN'T REACH
ME IF I SWING HIM BY
HIS TAIL!

THAT'S THE
STUFF!



THAT SHOULD KEEP HIM QUIET FOR A WHILE!

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER MYSELF!

LET'S KEEP FOLLOWING THESE DROPS OF HONEY!

NICE GOING, PETER!

UH-OH! THERE THEY ARE, BEETLE! THEIR KINGDOM MUST BE INSIDE THAT HILL!

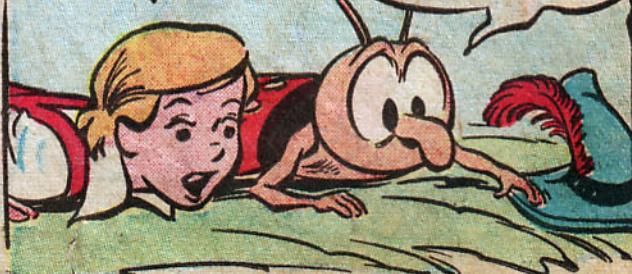
THAT'S ONE KINGDOM I'M NOT THE LEAST BIT CURIOUS TO SEE!



ALL RIGHT, MEN! THIS IS NO TIME TO REST! GET THOSE BARRELS IN THE CAVE!

WE CAN'T LET THEM GET THOSE BARRELS IN THE CAVE, BEETLE! ONCE INSIDE, WE'D NEVER GET THEM OUT!

IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP THEM NOW, PETER!



NO, IT ISN'T! HERE'S
WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO...
PSST... MUMBLE ...PSST...!

WHAT?! ARE
YOU KIDDING?

I'M DEPENDING ON YOU,
BEETLE! DON'T LET ME
DOWN!

(GULP!) I'LL DO
MY BEST!

YI-I-I! TAKE HONEY
FROM DEFENSELESS
BEEs, WILL YOU?

AFTER HIM, MEN! HE'S
ENTERED OUR
KINGDOM!

WHAT...?

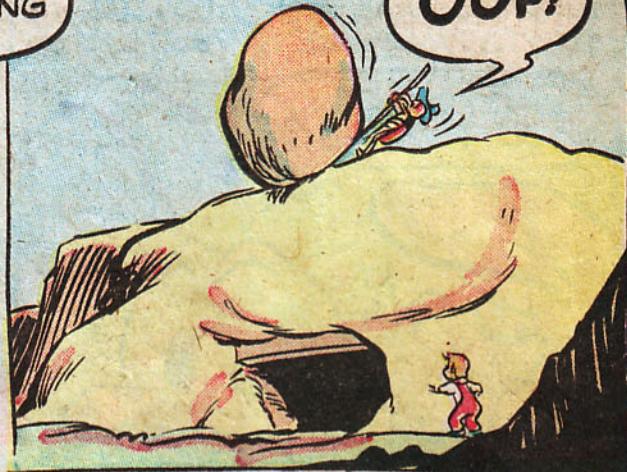
YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE, WHOEVER YOU
ARE! THERE'S ONLY ONE EXIT...
THE ONE YOU CAME IN!

GLAD TO
HEAR IT!

ALL RIGHT,
BEETLE...
NOW!

AFTER HIM!
HE'S GETTING
AWAY!

OOF!



GOOD WORK,
BEETLE! THEY'RE
ALL TRAPPED
INSIDE!

WHEW! YOU SURE
TOOK A CHANCE,
RUNNING IN THEIR
KINGDOM LIKE
THAT!

I HAD
TO DRAW
THEM
ALL
INSIDE!

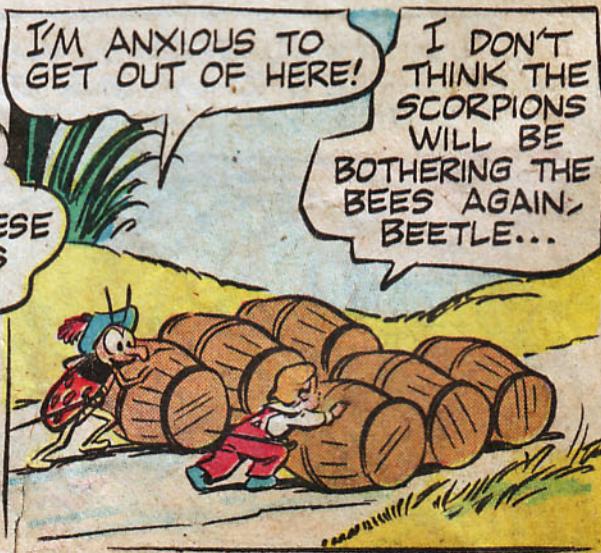
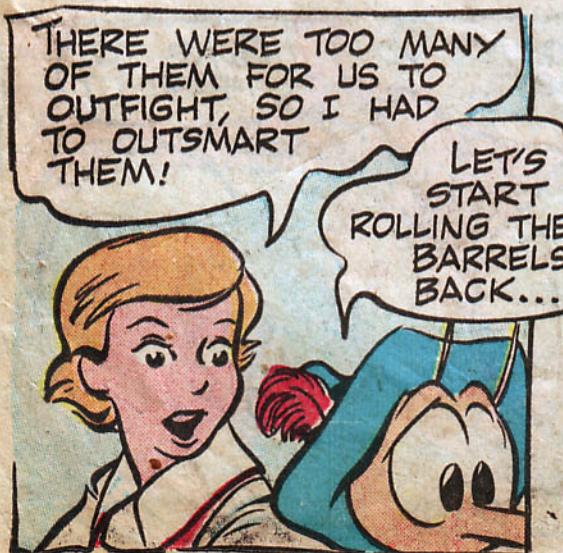


THERE WERE TOO MANY
OF THEM FOR US TO
OUTFIGHT, SO I HAD
TO OUTSMART
THEM!

LET'S
START
ROLLING THESE
BARRELS
BACK...

I'M ANXIOUS TO
GET OUT OF HERE!

I DON'T
THINK THE
SCORPIONS
WILL BE
BOthering THE
BEES AGAIN,
BEETLE...

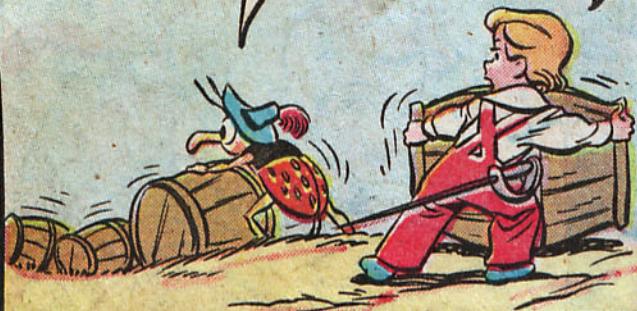


MAYBE
THEY'VE LEARNED
THAT ILL DEEDS
DON'T PAY OFF!

THEY'LL
HAVE PLENTY
OF TIME TO
THINK ABOUT
IT...

FOR IT'LL BE A LONG
WHILE BEFORE THEY
DIG THEMSELVES OUT
OF THAT HILL!

AYE!



HOORAY! THEY
SAVED OUR
HONEY!

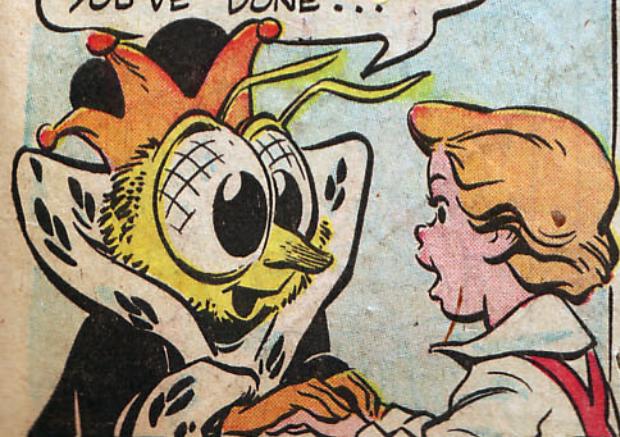
HERE YOU ARE,
QUEEN BEATRICE... ALL
SIX BARRELS!



I CAN NEVER THANK YOU
ENOUGH FOR WHAT
YOU'VE DONE...

BUT I CAN GIVE YOU A
BARREL OF HONEY TO
TAKE BACK TO THE
WHEAT KINGDOM!

THANKS,
QUEEN
BEATRICE...

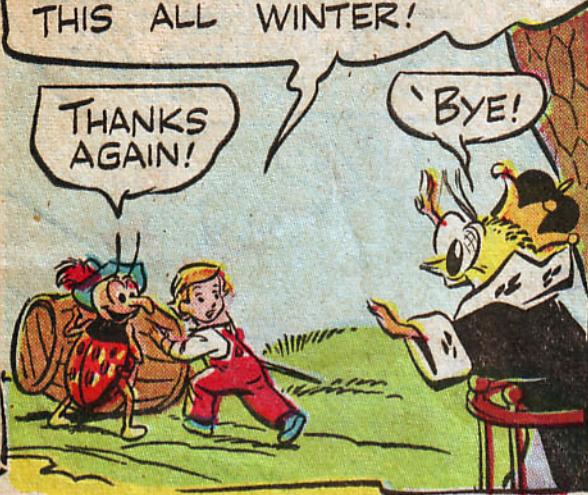


THE WHEAT FOLK WILL ENJOY
THIS ALL WINTER!

SAMMY SWEET CAN USE
SOME OF THIS TO MAKE
HONEY COOKIES!

THANKS
AGAIN!

'BYE!



LET'S GET SWAN TO PULL
US BACK! I'M ANXIOUS TO
START EMPTYING THAT
BARREL!

AYE!



UH-OH! LOOKS
LIKE SWAN HAS
DISAPPEARED!

FINE
THING!



I GUESS THE ONLY THING LEFT
TO DO IS PADDLE BACK!

WAIT! HE SAID TO
YELL IF WE
NEEDED HIM!



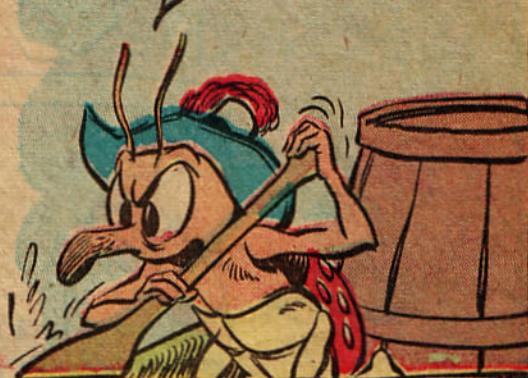
SWAN! SWAN!



NOT A SIGN OF HIM!

START PADDLING,
BEETLE! HE ISN'T
GOING TO SHOW
UP!

YOU JUST CAN'T BELIEVE A
THING THOSE SWANS SAY!



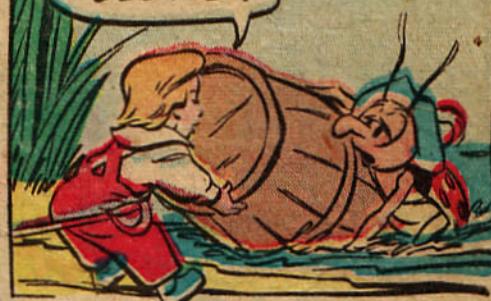
MUCH LATER

WHEW! MY ARMS
ARE ABOUT TO FALL
OFF, PETER! THANK
GOODNESS WE'RE
FINALLY HERE!



I NEVER REALIZED
PADDLING WAS SO
MUCH WORK!

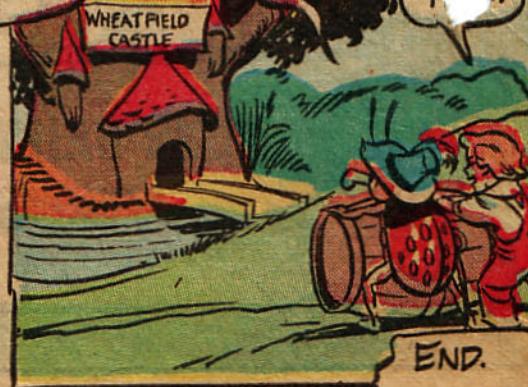
WHY THE
COMPLAINING,
BEETLE?



YOU SAID THIS MORNING
YOU WANTED TO GO
CANOEING ON THE LAKE!
YOU GOT YOUR WISH!

THAT
WAS
THIS
MORNING!

FROM NOW ON, I'M
STRICTLY A
LANDLUBBER!



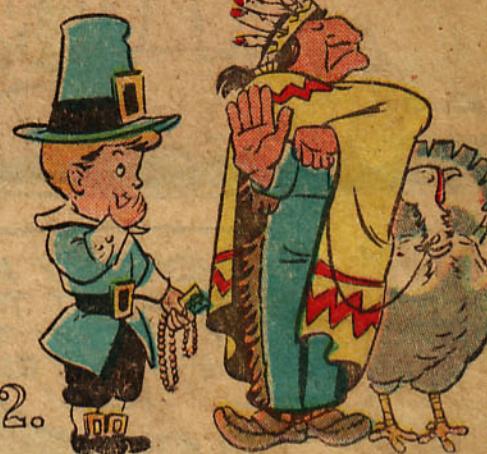
"Peter"



1.



2.



4.



YOUR DAILY BREAD
is my bread and butter



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